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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Monday,
25 December 2000, *official holiday*.]

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 19 January 2001 in Conference Room 2.

Delegations intending to circulate documents as documents of the Preparatory Committee are invited to submit them to the Secretariat for processing at the earliest possible date.

Delegations are reminded to provide at least 300 copies of any document or statement intended for this session of the Preparatory Committee.

The Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children will hold its second substantive session from 29 January to 2 February 2001 at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 29 January 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

Delegations are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin (room S-2977H; fax: (212) 963-5305).

The draft provisional outcome document, entitled "A World Fit for Children", as contained in document A/AC.256/CRP.6 is now available in all languages in room S-2977.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho) will be held on Tuesday, 9 January 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a consultative briefing for all interested delegations on Wednesday, 17 January 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the proposed methods of work of the Commission (in accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/71) as well as on the proposed multi-year work programme 2002-2005. Information on these two issues as well as on the proposed organization of the work of the forty-fifth session is available at the offices of the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1250) and on the Web site of the Division (www.un.org/womenwatch/daw).

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold a formal session to elect its new Bureau on Tuesday, 16 January 2001, from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session for 2001 from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session for 2001 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held on Friday, 26 January, and from 29 January to 6 February 2001 in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2001/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (fax: (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 22 January 2001.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Member States and non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at United Nations Headquarters are reminded that the deadline for the nomination of candidates for election as permanent judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia will expire on Tuesday, 9 January 2001. Any nominations that they may wish to make should be communicated to the Legal Counsel (S-3427A) before the close of business on that date.

Background information on the report of the Secretary-General to the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, as well as a proposed organization of work for the Second Substantive meeting of the Preparatory Committee to be held on 12-23 February 2001, are available on the financing for development Web site (www.un.org/esa/ffd/).

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the Web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

Information on documentation for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development (13-23 February 2001, New York) can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room DC2-1362, tel.: 212 963 5873). It is also available on the Web site of the Division for Social Policy and Development (www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2001.htm).

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.int/russia>.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

42nd meeting

United Nations common system [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.17.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.25.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Human resources management [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.30, which was coordinated by the representative of Austria, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Capital master plan

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.28, which was coordinated by the representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.31.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/55/L.16/Rev.1: The critical situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/55/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

First performance report for the biennium 2000-2001

The representative of the Netherlands, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.24.

The representative of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada) orally amended the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution, as orally amended.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Friday, 22 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4253rd meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Eighth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2000/1199)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in

the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2000/1224).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/1224) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1334 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

89th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 89th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/249 Add.1).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

43rd meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports

The representative of Austria, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.32.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Nepal, France (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Committee

The representative of Portugal, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/55/L.35.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/34.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division also replied to questions raised.

Recosting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The report of the Secretary-General was before the Committee in document A/C.5/55/35.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee.

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

The Chairman of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/55/L.29.

The Secretary of the Committee read out corrections to the draft report.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee then proceeded to adopt, without a vote, draft resolution I, including Sections X and XI, draft resolution II and draft decisions I and II contained in document A/C.5/55/L.29.

Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee thus adopted the draft report of the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [176]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Namibia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.26.

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.18.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and suspended the meeting.

43rd (resumed) meeting

Note: The summary of the 43rd (resumed) meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/249/Add.1).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Haiti (20 December 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Coffee Agreement, 1994, as extended until 30 September 2001, with modifications, by Resolution No. 384 adopted by the International Coffee Council in London on 21 July 1999. London, 30 March 1994

Accession: Malawi (21 December 2000)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Hungary (22 December 2000)*

Signature: Peru (22 December 2000)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:

Mongolie

H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:

Ukraine

H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski

Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Chile

H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:

Andorra

H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell